

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for simultaneously translating from a source language to a target language comprising the steps of:
providing a recording device capable of recording words spoken in a source language;
wherein said recording device further comprises means for playing back said words spoken in said source language;
speaking said words in said source language;
recording said words in said source language in said recording device;
playing back said words in said source language; and
simultaneously translating said words in said source language into a target language.

2. The method of Claim 1 wherein said step of providing said recording device further comprises the step of providing a digital recorder.

3. The method of Claim 1 wherein said step of providing said recording device further comprises the step of providing a telephone input coupled to said recording device and adapted to receive said words spoken in said source language over a telephone line and to transmit said words translated into said target language over said telephone line.

4. The method of Claim 1 further comprising the step of providing at least one earphone assembly coupled to said recording device.

5. The method of Claim 1 further comprising the step of providing at least one microphone in a position that is remote from said recording device.

6. The method of Claim 5 wherein said at least one remote microphone is in wireless communication with said recording device.

7. The method of Claim 1 further comprising the step of providing means for adjusting the speed at which said words in said source language are played back.

8. A translation system comprising, in combination:
a digital recording and playback device;
earphones coupled to said recording and playback device; and
at least one microphone remote from said recording and playback device wherein said microphone is in one of wire and wire-free communication with said recording and playback device.

9. The translation system of Claim 8 wherein said recording and playback device further comprises a telephone input adapted to receive words spoken in a source language over a telephone line and to transmit said words translated into a target language over said telephone line.

10. The system of Claim 8 wherein said recording and playback device further comprises means for adjusting the speed at which words recorded in said recording and playback device are played back.